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hero, because it would teach him a lesson, and she felt that she could love him better poor than rich. This was not burlesque, but a serious thesis put forth with much zest and acclaim.

In "The Wheel" at the Gaiety Theater, the new idea was most mirth provoking, though also intended seriously. A wife despairs of ever being able to destroy her husband's love for gambling. This, she has been assured, is absolutely ineradicable. But she conceives a plan. She buys a gambling house! As the proprietress of this den, she secures the money that hubby loses, and then, bursting upon him, as he is despondent over his losses, she tells him the whole genial truth!

If that isn't exquisite farce, then I don't know farce when I see it. It is even droller, because it is done with such unctuous solemnity. The dear, blonde little wife sees her desperate husband in the gambling hell, all bent over with grief and mortification, and she stealthily approaches, and announces herself. She is tearful, agonized and miserable. She goes toward him, and then, as he sees her and wonders how on earth she came to such a place, she tells him slowly, and hesitantly, that she owns it! I wonder why nobody ever thought of permitting the suffering wife, with the inebriate husband, to buy a saloon in order to effect a cure? Of course it is too late now with prohibition in our midst. But a really gorgeous farcical possibility was missed.

MISS FANNIE HURST had the courage of her convictions in "Back Pay" at the Eltinge Theater. After all, what is the use of going at such a theme half-heartedly? It is just as well to paint the whole thing in the garish hues which realism as least demands. Even "Camille" is all glossed over with sinister poetry, and the courtesan is portrayed as ineffably dainty, and particular as to her surroundings. To be sure, there is always Madame Prudence as a contrast, but this character is very feeble compared to the loudly voiced and outspoken dames in "Back Pay." I rather liked the idea of a "crepe de chine" soul, and "catrip in the blood." I wonder if this heroine had mousseline de soie in the liver, crepe georgette in the spleen, and baronet satin in the appendix!

But Miss Hurst went at her task undismayed by the fact that the theme has always been popular theatrically. She brought to it her literary vigor and her determination to overlook no touch that could possibly add to the verity of her characterizations. And this complete sincerity made its appeal. Two of the demi-mondaines in Hester Bevins's apartment were quite marvelously realistic, and some of their lines were extremely amusing in a perfectly frank way. Miss Helen MacKellar wore her \$1,000 gown with very commendable nonchalance. It seemed to be all gold, or gilt, and yet it was sinuous and delicately soft. Miss MacKellar didn't seem a bit dazzled, although I could have forgiven her if she had worn smoked glasses to deaden the glare of the dress (and by-the-bye, was it a "dress," a "frock," a "gown" or a "confection"?) In describing these affairs, I never know what to do for the best, or for the worst. Possibly "gown" is the least offensive word, though "apparel" would ot least be non-committal.

Some day I'd like to see Mary Shaw play an honest-to-goodness spinster, or mother wotting nothing of a deadly past. It does seem hard lines that just because an actor or actress has made a hit in a certain brand of role, the line of work must stick. Miss Shaw made some success as Mrs. Warren in the Shaw play, and since that episode, every character with a Mrs. Warren past, seems to have been offered her. No sooner is such a role discussed than the manager wires Miss Shaw to ask her acceptance of the role. It is unjust and astoundingly stupid. It assumes that audiences insist upon seeing actors or actresses in one line of work. Once a valet always a valet; once a Mrs. Warren, always a Mrs. Warren, and once a detective, always a detective. Where on earth is the spirit of ver-

THE astounding energy of the theater has been graphically instanced during the past week. Imagine what the rehearsing, the casting and the settings of all these newly produced plays must mean. Think of the stupendous industry of everybody connected with the presentations. Night after night two and three new offerings have been seen. It is bewildering to think of the appeal made to audiences, and the ability to fill theaters with people willing to sit through tryouts. And yet every opening night had audiences only limited by the size of the theaters. No matter if the tickets were paid for or just given away, the fact that nine or ten large playhouses sheltered tremendous crowds for "first nights" is something to ponder over with astonishment. There may be empty seats on succeeding nights, but the "premier" is always packed to the doors. There is the same note of expectancy, the same anticipatory thrill, and the identical spasms of "suspense" at the production of every new play.

It is certainly a great "industry," and one that calls for careful management. However, it is not to be pitied. The attention accorded it is greater than that given to other and perhaps more vital

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important feature of the puogram, Deppler's "The Two Hussars," will be heard for the first time at the Rialto, and as an added number Henri Sokolov, first violin and soloist of the Rialto organization, will give the "Meditation" from "Thais." Mr. Sokolov is a newcomer among the Rialto artists, but is already known and recognized among musicians of Washington as one of the finest violinists of

whem the city may boast. He will be accompanied on the harp by P. Miraglia, one of the original members of the organization who has recently returned to the fold, much to the delight of patrons and co-workers.



Miss Kaelred Has Entirely New Role In Latest Comedy

NE of the most interesting members of Oliver Morosco's all-star cast which will open the season at the Shubert-Garrick tomorrow night in the comedy, "Wait Till We're Married," is Katherine Kaelred, who will be seen in a part entirely different from any she has heretofore created on the New York stage.

While Miss Kaelred has enjoyed a long and varied career on the stage of two continents she is probably best remembered for her sen-sational success with Robert Illi-liard in "A Fool There Was." and enjoys the distinction of having pre-sented the first and original brand of genuine vampires to the Ameri-can public—a role out of which de-veloped numerous varieties of vamofres, chiefly before the motion pic-

ture screen.
Miss Kaelred has enjoyed a remarkable stage career. She made her first appearance with Denson's Stock Company at Dundee, Scotland, as the First Lady in Richard III. During her engagement there she played in every Shakesperean role except Lady Macbeth.

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